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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened at 10 a.m. on 5 September 2018.

The opening and conduct of the session will be presided over by the two co-chairs of the ad hoc open-ended working group, who have been appointed by the President of the General Assembly: the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations, Amal Mudallali, and the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, Francisco Duarte Lopes.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and other organizational matters

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277, the organizational session of the ad hoc open-ended working group will be held for a duration of three working days. In accordance with rules 21 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the working group will adopt its provisional agenda, which has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of resolution 72/277.

3. General discussion

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277, the ad hoc open-ended working group is open to participation by all States Members of the United Nations and all members of the specialized agencies.

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The General Assembly also decided that the organizational session would examine matters related to the organization of the work of the ad hoc open-ended working group, including the duration and number of its substantive sessions, with a view to reporting back to the General Assembly during the first half of 2019.

Delegations will have an opportunity to deliver statements of a general nature concerning the issues under consideration by the organizational session, which may include the timing of the substantive sessions in Nairobi, the number of such sessions and their duration, with a view to reporting back to the General Assembly during the first half of 2019.

4. Agenda for the substantive sessions

Delegations may also wish to consider items for the agenda of the substantive sessions.

5. Information on documents to be considered by the substantive sessions

Delegations will receive a status update from the Secretariat concerning the report requested from the Secretary-General in paragraph 1 of the resolution.

6. Financing of the activities of the ad hoc open-ended working group

Delegations may wish to discuss issues related to the financing of the activities of the ad hoc open-ended working group.

7. Other matters

Delegations may wish to discuss any other matters related to the organizational session.

8. Adoption of the report of the proceedings of the session

At the conclusion of the session, a report of the proceedings will be adopted.

9. Closure of the session

The session will be closed on 7 September 2018.